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**PETITION FOR 1 MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicant respectfully petitions the Assistant Commissioner under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to grant a 1 MONTH extension of time to and including **15 July 2002**, in which to file a response to the office action dated **15 April 2002**.

A check in the amount of \$55 is enclosed.

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